

**CHAPTER NO. 535**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1587**

**By Representatives Hargrove, Buck, Caldwell, Davidson, Fraley, Bone, Ford, Ferguson, Bowers, Givens, Walker, Baird, Goins, Todd, Roach, Sands, Montgomery, Maddox, Pleasant, David Davis**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1843**

**By Senators Haun, Rochelle, Davis, Burks**

AN ACT to establish special FFA endowment funds at the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. for supporting FFA leadership development programs for Tennessee youth.

WHEREAS, FFA is an agriculture-oriented classroom organization, which teaches agricultural knowledge and skills including the agricultural sciences and conservation in addition to developing citizenship and leadership skills including public speaking and parliamentary procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee FFA Association, as an integral part of the instructional program in agriculture education, provides the essential motivation for hands-on application of the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom and laboratory. These motivating incentives for excelling in the FFA programs include skills contests, degree programs, and awards in diverse areas ranging from floriculture and landscape design to livestock production, food processing and beyond. This wide array of programs enables and empowers students to acquire occupational, college preparatory and entrepreneurship skills through active implementation of the FFA/agricultural education program's "Learning by Doing" motto; and

WHEREAS, the broad scope of the agricultural education and FFA program reaches many of the educational and development needs of Tennessee's rural, suburban and urban youth, and these incentive-based programs are supported by the contributions of time, cooperation and financial resources from a wide cross-section of the community. In order to coordinate these support efforts, leaders in business, industry, agriculture, education and government have joined together to form the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. to provide financial resources for the support of these vital programs as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to support the continued vitality of the FFA programs through the provision of funds to match those raised from the private sector by the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc; now, therefore,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:**

**SECTION 1.** There is established special FFA endowment funds in the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc.

**SECTION 2.** The Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. is eligible to receive appropriations for its endowment fund from the State General Fund subject to the following conditions:

(1) Neither an appropriation nor the income therefrom may be spent for any organization other than the Tennessee FFA Foundations, Inc.;

(2) Any appropriation shall be released to such foundation only as a dollar-for-dollar match of private contributions to the endowment fund; and

(3) Any appropriation shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year prior to June 30, 2005, but shall be carried over from year to year for the purpose of accomplishing the provisions of this part.

SECTION 3. Interest accruing on investments of the funds deposited to the credit of the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. under this endowment fund shall be used for the sole purpose of promoting FFA programs in the State of Tennessee.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 27, 1999**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this day of 1999**

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DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 1587 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.